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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COORDINATOR OF JOINT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Proposed U.S.-Canadian Agreement

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3. In the interest of clarity of understanding with the Canadians, and to insure that the understanding with the Canadians is the same as with the British, it is considered that paragraph 5 should be amended to use substantially the same definition as is used in the BRUSA.

4. If the BRUSA definition is used, the title and introduction to paragraph 6 should be amended.

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"Amendments to Paragraphs
5, 6(a) and 17 to Proposed
Canadian Letter as Amended"

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TO

PROPOSED CANADIAN LETTER AS AMENDED

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